



*Santa Monica Community College District*  
**Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District  
Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES – January 31, 2024**

A Special Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Santa Monica College's Student Services Center (SSC 396), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. The public may join the meeting via zoom with the following link: <https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/85009325229>

## I. Call to Order

### Members:

- Mitch Heskel, District Representative
- Chris Bonvenuto, District Representative, Co-Chair
- Teresita Rodriguez, District Representative
- Tracie Hunter, District Representative
- Elisa Meyer, Academic Senate Representative
- Jamar London, Academic Senate Rep (Absent)
- Matt Hotsinpiller, FA Representative, Co-Chair
- Peter Morse, Faculty Association Rep (Absent)
- Martha Romano, CSEA Rep (Absent)
- Kennisha Green, CSEA Representative
- Dagmar Gorman, CSEA Representative
- Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Representative
- Cecilia Jeong, Associated Student Representative
- David Duncan, Associated Student Representative
- Vacant, Associated Student Representative
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Interested Parties in attendance: Stephanie Amerian, Sasha King, JR Stevenson

## II. Public Comments

## III. Approval of Minutes:

## IV. Reports/Discussion Chris Bonvenuto gave a summary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget:

### 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Update

#### Governor's Proposed Budget Summary

Projected <\$37.9 billion> budget deficit, LAO projects <\$68.0 billion> budget deficit  
Governor notes risk but does not forecast a recession

#### FTES and Other Major Items of Note

FTES projections: Credit Resident FTES 3.375% or 542.51  
Since 2020-2021 Credit Resident FTES is <2,484> or <13.01%> lower  
Non-resident FTES: 11.39% or 323.94 FTES, Decline of <1,421> or <30.9%> since 2017-18

#### Budget Savings Measures - Update

Tentative Budget: identified 2024-2025 negative fund balance with no action and \$20,000,000 in savings needed to meet 5% fund balance

Adopted Budget: identified ~\$8.5 million in 23-24 savings, carried into 24-25=~\$17 million savings  
Used \$3.8 million one-time HEERF

#### Increase Efficiency in the Schedule: Budgeted for 92.3% WTH to Resident FTES ration

2020-2021: 19,920 Resident FTES with 22,068 WTH = 90% Efficiency  
2022-2023: 16,910 Resident FTES with 21,504 WTH = 79% Efficiency  
Efficiency Goals Not Met

Adopted Budget: 17,393 Resident FTES with 18,842 WTH = 92.3% Efficiency

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget: 17,487 Resident FTES with 20,786 WTH = 84.1% Efficiency

#### Issues Moving Forward

Large State Budget Deficit, 0.76% Inflationary Adjustment (COLA) Proposal,  
Hold Harmless Provision Not Proposed to Change (no COLA increases starting 2025-2026)  
The District Must Implement Additional Savings Actions

**V. Adjournment:** 2:52 pm

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**Future Budget Planning Committee Meetings:** Meetings will be on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, except as noted, and will begin at 2:00 pm.